

## Election Returns for Joint General and Special Elections

The election results for the November 4, 2014 General Election for Benbrook City Council (Place 2, 4, and 6) are posted on the Tarrant County Elections website ([www.tarrantcounty.com/evote](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote)). At the time of printing this publication, the City of Benbrook had not received the official election results from Tarrant County.

Unofficial results are:

### Benbrook City Council, Place 2

Renee Franklin - 2,248 votes

Charlie Anderson - 2,004 votes

### Benbrook City Council, Place 4

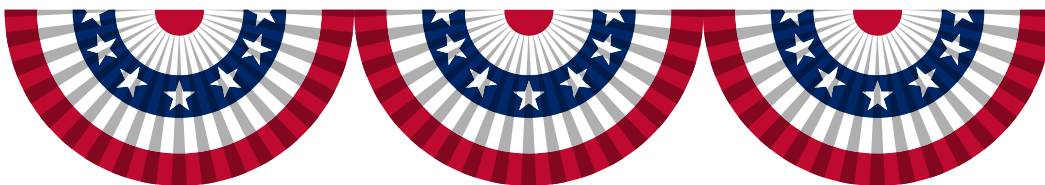
Rickie Allison - 3,584 votes

### Benbrook City Council, Place 6

Mark Mourer - 1,190 votes

Mark Washburn - 2,720 votes

The official canvass of the Benbrook City Council election will take place at 5:30pm on Monday, November 17, 2014 in the City Council Chambers, 911 Winscott Road, Benbrook, Texas 76126



Benbrook City Hall offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25, Friday, December 26, 2014 and Thursday, January 1, 2015 in observance of Christmas and the New Year holiday. As always, your public safety staff, police and fire departments, stand ready 24/7 to serve the community.

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# Benbrook Public Library Hosts Holiday Extravaganza!

The Benbrook Public Library, 1065 Mercedes Street, is hosting a FREE all-day Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 13, beginning at 11:00am.

Bring the kids, camera, and good cheer to join in the fun and merriment! View holiday movies throughout the day; participate in arts and crafts, and enjoy hot chocolate and other refreshments. The library's new high-tech laser engraver will be available for demonstration, and for making holiday ornaments.



## A full schedule of activities includes:

- 11:00am:** Le Theatre de Marionette presents the marionette show, Peppermint Twist!
- 12:00pm:** Elsa and Anna from the movie Frozen will welcome photos with the kids!
- 1:00pm:** A hands-on activity creating gingerbread houses!
- 2:00pm:** Leslie the Clown makes balloon animals!
- 3:00pm:** Craft time for children!
- 4:00pm:** Vibre', the East Texas Handbell Ensemble Quartet will perform caroling classics!

**Contact:** Miranda Bauer, 817-249-6632

## Holiday Happenings

The Benbrook Firefighters Association is hosting **Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus** on Friday, December 5, 2014 from 6:00 – 9:00pm at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA (BCC/YMCA), 1899 Winscott Road. For a donation of four (4) food items, or \$5.00, your family can take home a keepsake photo. Free refreshments will be provided and games and craft activities will be hosted by the BCC/YMCA.

On Saturday, December 6, don't miss the **23rd annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show**. The event starts at 7:00pm at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA. Donations of money or non-perishable food items will be accepted at the park entrance. All proceeds benefit the annual Benbrook Firefighter Food Drive.

Immediately following the Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks Show, the annual **Benbrook Winter Wonderland** display lights up Dutch Branch Park with twinkling lighted holiday characters and merriment. Stroll the park and enjoy

this free holiday exhibit each evening through New Year's Day. Local non-profit organizations will be available to provide holiday treats. For information on Winter Wonderland, contact Patty Bissey at 817-249-6087.



The Benbrook Fire Department works tirelessly during the holiday season to brighten the lives of Benbrook families by meeting community needs. **The Benbrook Firefighter Food Drive** accepts non-perishable food items and monetary donations at the Benbrook Fire Station, 528 Mercedes Street, until December 17, 2014. All donations directly go to the Spirit of Christmas program (next page) and the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

**Benbrook Fire Station: 817-249-1727**

## Spirit of Christmas Program Needs You!

### Program Expanded to Serve Recipients of Benbrook Meals on Wheels

Through the Spirit of Christmas program, the Benbrook community is celebrating 28 years of providing Christmas gifts to children who attend Benbrook schools and live in Benbrook. Each year, school counselors identify students who are in need. The families supply their clothing needs, along with toy items on the children's 'wish list'.

Adopting a child or family is easy. If you are interested in becoming a Christmas donor, contact the program chair below and you will be given a list to include the child or children's name(s), clothes/shoe sizes, and wish list items. After shopping, Christmas donors are instructed where and when to drop off the items.

In partnership with Meals on Wheels, the Spirit of Christmas has expanded its reach to include folks who receive the meal service, live in the city of Benbrook, and are in financial need. Christmas donors can surely brighten the holidays for many of the elderly and disabled that are recipients of Benbrook Meals on Wheels.

Besides adopting, another option for participating in the program is to simply bring a new, unwrapped gift item to one of the following gift collection locations:

**Pinnacle Bank**, 9282 Benbrook Boulevard/US 377

**Benbrook Community Center/YMCA**, 1899 Winscott Road

**Chick-fil-A**, 8800 Benbrook Boulevard/ US 377

**Please consider participating in the Spirit of Christmas program by adopting a child/family, donating items at the collection locations, or providing gift items for Meals on Wheels recipients.**

**Contact Beth Crumpton at 817-825-5243 or [spiritofchristmas01@gmail.com](mailto:spiritofchristmas01@gmail.com), or to volunteer go to [www.benbrookspiritofchristmas.org](http://www.benbrookspiritofchristmas.org).**



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## One Step Ahead PREPARE FOR DISASTER

Flooding is just one natural hazard for which the residents of Benbrook should be prepared. The **City Floodplain Management outreach program** routinely includes articles in the Benbrook Community Newsletter about flooding prevention and mitigation. However, it's important to create a personal plan for other potential hazards in our community. The City also has a **Hazard Mitigation Plan** which is available at [www.benbrook-tx.gov](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov). The Plan identifies 13 hazards and includes specific mitigation actions for each. In addition to flooding, residents should prepare for other natural hazards, such as wild land fire and drought. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a checklist of basic emergency items to have ready. The checklist is also available on the City website - search 'Floodplain Administration'.



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### **City Council:**

Jerry Dittrich, Mayor  
Renee Franklin, Place 2  
Larry Marshall, Place 3  
Rickie Allison, Place 4  
Jim Wilson, Place 5  
Mark Washburn, Place 6  
Ron Sauma, Place 7

Benbrook City Council  
meets on the 1st and 3rd  
Thursday of each month  
at 7:30pm at City Hall  
911 Winscott Road.

For more information call  
**817-249-3000** or visit  
[www.benbrook-tx.gov](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov)

## **REPUBLIC SERVICES/ALLIED WASTE NEWS**

### **Holiday Curbside Trash/Recycle Pick-Up Schedule**

Regular Wednesday Schedule: There will be no changes to the trash/recycling pick-up schedule during the holidays. Benbrook residents should place trash/recycling curbside no earlier than 5:00pm on Tuesday evening, and no later than 7:00am on Wednesday morning for Wednesday (trash day) pick-up.

**Republic Services/Allied Waste Customer Service: 817-332-7301**

### **Dispose of Christmas trees in one of the following ways:**

- Place trees curbside on trash days before 7:00am. Trees and brush are normally collected by Republic Services/Allied Waste within 72 hours.
- Take trees to the roll-off dumpster located at the City Maintenance Facility, 467 Winscott Road. Trees are accepted from December 26 until January 9, Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

***Please remove any nails, stands, plastic bags and decorations from all trees.***

### **New Rates**

Beginning January 1, 2015, residential refuse/recycling rates will increase from \$13.38 to \$13.61 per month, per the City of Benbrook contract with Republic Services/Allied Waste Services.

For information on residential refuse, recycling, bulk and brush collection, please go to [www.benbrook-tx.gov](http://www.benbrook-tx.gov).